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Dear Boquet Valley Families,

In a previous letter, we outlined our school-based testing plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

COVID-19 testing is one part of our overall reopening plan. Our plan includes other prevention measures, like masking and distancing.

This letter provides directions for you to consent to COVID-19 testing for your student(s).

Please complete the numbered steps below for each test type.

If you need help with any of these steps, contact one of the following people to assist:

Lake View Campus Principal, Daniel Parker

Lake View Campus Nurse, Carol Schwoebel

Mountain View Campus Principal, Elaine Dixon-Cross

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Screening Test

The Clarifi COVID-19 test is the most sensitive saliva test available at this time. Over 2 million of these tests have been used in colleges and K-12 schools in New York State. The test is a very simple and painless saliva swab that the student can easily self-administer. This <u>short video</u> shows how the test works.

The Screening Test Procedure

Testing will take place weekly at both The Lake View Campus and The Mountain View Campus beginning the week of October 4, 2021.

To participate in the testing program, **you must complete** the following steps:

- 1. Register a new account at: app.Clarifi-COVID-19.com. A User Guide is available on this site.
- 2. Create a profile for each minor student in your care. (Note: You can register multiple student profiles under each account).
- 3. Do not attempt to *Register a COVID-19 Test*. This step will be done by the testing team on the day of your student's test.

Once all samples have been collected for the day, they will be sent to Quadrant's lab to be tested. Results will be ready within 24-48 hours and can be viewed by logging back into app.Clarifi-COVID-19.com.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet is attached.

Symptomatic Test for Sick Students

The Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 Test is a very easy nasal swab and results are available in 15 minutes. This test can be used by our school health office staff to rule out COVID-19 if your student becomes sick during the school day.



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A negative test result does not allow your student return to class if they have a fever, flu-like symptoms, or are vomiting. Your student may still need to be seen by their healthcare provider. A follow-up COVID-19 test might be recommended.

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For your student(s) to participate in symptomatic testing, you must:

- 1. Complete the consent form at: https://www.co.essex.ny.us/Health/school-based-covid-testing-registration-consent/
- 2. Check the Symptomatic Testing option.

Exposure-Based Screening Testing for High-Risk School Activities

The Abbott Binax Now is also a very easy nasal swab and results are available in 15 minutes. This screening testing option is for vaccinated and unvaccinated students who were exposed to a positive case during high-risk school-based activities. These activities can include close contact or indoor sports, band, choir, theater, and indoor school clubs.

For your student(s) to participate in exposure testing, **you must**:

- 1. Complete the consent form at https://www.co.essex.ny.us/Health/school-based-covid-testing-registration-consent/
- 2. Check the Exposure-Based Screening Testing option.

We hope you will consider having your child participate in this important testing program at Boquet Valley Central School District. The health and safety of our students, staff, and community is our highest priority, and we greatly appreciate your support during these challenging times. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Joshua R. Meyer

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